Under the Sperwork Reduction Act of 1995. In TRANSMITTAL FORM  (to be used for all correspondence after initial fill.)  Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Application Number  Filing Date  First Named Inventor	PTO/SB/21 (04-04) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.  10/613,539 07/03/03 JOHN CURRAN 3679 J. HEWITT 1830-007		
ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)				
Fee Transmittal Form Fee Attached  Amendment/Reply After Final Affidavits/declaration(s)  Extension of Time Request Express Abandonment Request Information Disclosure Statement Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application  Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	Drawing(s)  Licensing-related Papers  Petition  Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address  Terminal Disclaimer  Request for Refund  CD, Number of CD(s)  Remarks  Enclosed are  (1) AMENDMENT IN RES DATED 08/11/05; (2) RETURN POSTCARD	Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify below):		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT				
Individual name Signature  Date 11/14/05	anns, Evanns & Walsh			
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING				

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Typed or printed name	Linda Enriquez		
Signature		Date	11/14/05

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: JOHN M. CURRAN

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 08/11/05

Application No.: 10/613,539

EXAMINER: J. M. HEWITT

Filing Date: 07/03/03

Art Unit: 3679

FOR: IMPROVED SYSTEM AND

METHOD FOR FACILITATING PIPE AND

CONDUIT COUPLING

certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class.

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the OFFICE ACTION dated 08/11/05, kindly enter the following amendment.